

Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee

Meeting No.: 12

Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Start Time: 9:30 AM

Location: Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council, 660
Dundas Street East

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AA12.4 - Exploring opportunities related to the Spirit Garden in Nathan Phillips Square

Decision Type: ACTION

Status: Amended

Ward: 10 - Spadina - Fort York

Committee Recommendations

The Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee recommends that:

1. The Executive Committee:

- a. Direct the City Manager, or their delegate, to report to Executive Committee in Q2 2027 on the transfer of ownership of the municipal land known as the Spirit Garden site at Nathan Phillips Square from the City of Toronto to the Council of Fire, an Indigenous non-profit organization.
- b. Recommends that the report back requested in Recommendation 1 above represents the conclusion of the external discussions related to the ownership of the Spirit Garden site at Nathan Phillips Square.

Summary

At its meeting on June 3, 2026, the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee considered [Item AA12.4](#) and made recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Summary from the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee:

The Committee will discuss opportunities to establish a reflection of the unique importance of the Spirit Garden site including the possible transfer of ownership to an Indigenous non-profit organization.

Communications

(June 3, 2026) E-mail from Nicole Corrado (AA.New)

Speakers

Miguel Avila-Velarde
Julian Robbins